

BOARD OF VISITORS COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2024

The Committee Chairs of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University met in open session on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Old Guard Room at the Inn at Virginia Tech, 901 Prices Fork Rd., Blacksburg, Virginia 24061.

Committee Chair Members Present

Nancy Dye
Anna James
Tish Long

Absent

Ed Baine (Rector)
Dave Calhoun (Vice Rector)
Sandy Davis

Also present at the meeting were President Timothy Sands, Kim O'Rourke (Secretary to the Board), Simon Allen, Cyril Clarke, Rachel Gabriele, Sharon Kurek, Nancy Meacham, Amy Sebring, and Dwyn Taylor.

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In the Rector's absence, Ms. Long convened the meeting of committee chairs and explained that the purpose was to select agenda items for the November board meeting. Constituent reports are included in every information session. Traditional topics at the November meeting include updates on the strategic plan and enrollment management.

The committee chairs selected the following topics for the board's November 2024 information session:

- Strategic plan with a focus on the three pillars of the Virginia Tech Advantage, Virginia Tech Global Distinction, and Enabling Infrastructure and new metrics being developed.
- Enrollment management, including the impact of FAFSA changes and implementation problems on VT Advantage, etc.
- Innovation Campus with a focus on students, curriculum, and services. Tee up for a bigger discussion in March of the regional Northern Virginia strategy to include Falls Church and the Coalition for Smart Construction, Arlington research, Children's National Hospital in DC, and plans to create a coherent administrative structure. (Lance to address Innovation Campus; others to address regional strategy)
- Regional tuition-and-fee structure for Northern Virginia.
- Preview of the athletic issues, some of which may have to be in closed session, that will need to be addressed at the March meeting.

For future meetings, the following recommendations were made:

March 2025

- Tuition and Fees
- Legislative update
- Northern Virginia regional strategy including the Innovation Campus, Falls Church, Arlington, and DC
- The Virginia Tech Innovation Network
- Emerging athletic issues

June 2025:

- Periodic report on work of the three working groups:
 - Academic resource alignment
 - Leased space
 - External consultants

Discussed at previous meetings:

- The Innovation Campus has been discussed as a possible site for the August 2025 BOV retreat/meeting.
- There are tentative plans to hold the November 2025 meeting in Northern Virginia to immediately precede the THE Summit being held at the Innovation Campus.

Note: Prior to each board meeting, the IT dashboard will be updated and an IT Transformation PowerPoint including tasks marked as on time, delayed, or completed will be placed in the portal. Also, prior to each meeting, an Innovation Campus update report will be placed on the portal and in-depth presentations will be provided to the board twice a year: Faculty, research, and programs in June; and students, curriculum, and services in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Edward H. Baine, Rector

Letitia Long, Chair,
Buildings and Grounds Committee

Kim O'Rourke, Secretary